



Ambassador William Warnock drinks toast with President Kaddor and Foreign Minister Allon after he presented his credentials in Jerusalem yesterday. Story on page 3.

COMMUNISTS START ATTACKS AROUND SAIGON

SAIGON (UPI). — Two North Vietnamese divisions probed the defenses of Saigon yesterday and occupied two provincial towns and two district towns in military sources called the beginning of the battle for Saigon. The town of Xuan Loc, 61 kms. east of Saigon, was captured by Communist forces driven out of the town. But there also was a Communist commando attack at a provincial capital, 40 kms. west of Saigon, where they cut Highway 4 into the Mekong for eight hours. The attacks thrusts into the provincial commando attacks in provinces around Saigon since the latest Communist began on March 10 and quicken two-thirds of South Vietnamese gunners yesterday. The attacks on the defense of the city around Saigon, 24 kms. from the capital, Saigon, said the city killed two soldiers and 15 persons. Gen. Nguyen Van Hieu, commander of military region which includes Saigon, was shot to death in his headquarters at Saigon on Tuesday. The death was an accident, he had committed suicide, a dependency over military. In addition to the two North Vietnamese divisions already in the Communist also held in two divisions — 20,000 men strength — in reserve, military sources said. The same time, other Communist overran the district capital in Tan, 16 kms. north of Loc. Military sources said about 800 Government troops fled the town of 25,000. The town was calm, with most residents unaware of the direct military threat to the capital less than 64 kms. away. UPI correspondent Michael Nicholson said a 10 kms. line-up of cars, trucks and buses began moving past Tan An when the Communist withdrew at mid-afternoon. A senior officer at Tan An said the commando assault was merely a probe and that the entire 6th Division was within 16 kms. of the city in Vietnamese sanctuaries known as the Pineapple, Eagle's Beak and Island. The Communist attacks were against the most lightly defended approaches to Saigon. Most of the approximately 35,000 regular troops in the 18 provinces around Saigon are deployed on an arc from west to north of the capital. The inner defenses of Saigon are manned only by about 5,000 airborne troops, which are held in the Saigon area mostly as an anti-commun defense force for President Nguyen Van Thieu. South Vietnamese regular forces are augmented by militia troops, whose fighting quality ranges from good to undependable. In addition to the 5th and 7th Communist Divisions, the 6th Division is deployed east of Phnom Penh near the coastal resort city of Vung Tau, 64 kms. southeast of Saigon, while the 9th Division has disappeared from intelligence maps in Saigon, but is believed to be about 40 kms. northeast of the capital, Bien Hoa. Hanoi Radio reported yesterday that Defense Minister Gen. Nguyen Giap, architect of victory over the French in Indochina, had reported on Tuesday to senior North Vietnamese officials on the current military situation. But the broadcast monitored in Saigon gave no details of Giap's report to the standing committee of North Vietnam's National Assembly. (Related stories — Page 4)

El Al technical crew chiefs launch 24-hour strike

By ZEEV SCHUL, Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent
BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Coming that their pay levels had eroded, 120 El Al technical crew chiefs began a 24-hour strike yesterday, causing the cancellation or postponement of flights. Nine more flights scheduled to leave this morning during the duration of the strike and all will probably have to be postponed until the afternoon. The crew chiefs decided to strike at 3 o'clock yesterday morning after a late-night negotiating session, but the strike did not actually begin until 2 p.m. yesterday. The men claimed that the grade differences which separated them from their subordinates, and which had served as remuneration for their status, responsibility and expertise, had been unfairly eroded. They said that upgrades achieved by the maintenance and hangar technicians had created a situation under which some technicians now received more take-home pay than their crew chiefs. The strike led to the immediate cancellation of two flights and the postponement of the Johannesburg plane which should have left at 1 o'clock this morning, by 24 hours. El Al asked a district labour court, convened at 7.30 here yesterday evening, to rule the strikers must return to work immediately. The crew chiefs' first response to the court session was to say that none of them had received a summons to attend. This morning's schedule includes two departures for New York, Zurich, Frankfurt, London, Copenhagen, Rome, and New York. In a statement issued yesterday, the strikers claimed they had no financial demands on the company but demanded an investigation into the causes of poor labour-management relations. El Al executives yesterday said that the continued state of strikes had made serious inroads into the company's profits and feared that the airline's 15-year record of continuous profits might be interrupted during the current financial year. The strike comes at a time when El Al's president, Mordechai Ben Ari, has been invited by the Greek national airline, Olympic, to evaluate its economic prospects and offer advice. This is the first time Mr. Ben Ari has been asked to function as a consultant.

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JORDAN PLANNING FOR CONSCRIPTION

Allon bringing four 'options' to Washington

Jordan is currently considering the introduction of compulsory military service in the East Bank, the Amman press reported yesterday. Citizens aged between 18 and 40, mainly high school and university graduates, would be called "to serve the flag for two years," the reports said. It was added that Prime Minister Zaid Rifai has been discussing the possibility of early implementation of the plan with Jordan's army chiefs. King Hussein this week said that he was accumulating weapons from various Arab countries with the aim of transforming his 80,000-man army into an "effective" mobile force. Conscription could triple the strength of the Jordanian army within two to three years.

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Peres: 'Decisive summer'

By SEAYIA SHAPIRO, Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The summer months will be "decisive" for the future of the Middle East, Defence Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday. Addressing the monthly club of the Working Mothers' Organization, he said the key to stability — or hostilities — rests with President Sadat, who far has chosen to keep both options open. "If Egypt chooses to adapt the peaceful approach and open the canal, she may be sure that Israel will not interfere with it," Mr. Peres said. The last Kissinger negotiations broke down "or were suspended" because they turned out to be attempts to gain the goodwill of the Americans on both sides "rather than being negotiations between Israel and Egypt," Mr. Peres remarked. What Sadat offered to Israel was at best a deferment of hostilities by several months. "We argued that if Sadat was incapable of making peace at once, he should be able to promise a cool-off period of seven to 10 years, but he refused." Moreover, Egypt involved Syria and the PLO in the process, "and we cannot discuss the future with parties who simply declare they want our destruction," Mr. Peres said. He felt sure that the differences of opinion with the U.S. would be cleared up in time. "This is not the first time this has happened. It was Secretary of State Marshall who warned Moshe Sharet against establishing a Jewish state, but this did not prevent the U.S. President from providing recognition the moment it was declared," Mr. Peres recalled. The future of a nation, Mr. Peres stressed, depends as much on the fortitude of its people as on foreign aid. "The tragedy of Vietnam and Cambodia is first and foremost the tragedy of the Vietnamese and Cambodian peoples." The Israel armed forces are prepared and vigilant.

Pentagon plans airlift without using Azores

By WOLF BLITZER, Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The Defence Department has already worked out an alternative emergency method for airlifting arms to Israel if the Portuguese Government stands firm on its declaration this week that American supply planes will be barred from refuelling in the Azores. The "New York Times" reported yesterday that denial of the Azores base for refuelling would probably compel the U.S. Air Force to adopt aerial refuelling procedures for the resupply of Israel, since other land bases also appear to be unavailable. During the Yom Kippur War, Portugal permitted the giant American C-5A transports carrying arms to Israel to refuel at Lajes air base on the island of Terceira in the Azores. Portugal has accorded use of the base to the U.S. under an agreement signed in 1946. But that agreement expired in February 1974, and is currently being renegotiated, Portuguese Prime Minister Goncalves stated on Tuesday that his government would not allow the planes to refuel at the base in the event of another Arab-Israeli war. State Department spokesman Robert Anderson said yesterday that the U.S. had not been officially informed — either before or after the Portuguese Prime Minister's press conference — that Portugal would prohibit the use of the air base. The U.S. had been asked by Portugal to suspend negotiations for the air rights until the Portuguese national elections are concluded at the end of this month, Anderson said. He gave no official American reaction to the Portuguese decision. The most likely aerial refuelling technique would involve stationing relays of KC-135 tanker aircraft over the Atlantic for mid-air refuelling of the C-5A cargo planes, according to the Pentagon. The first C-5A plane that was refueled by this method was during a recent airlift to South Vietnam. The plane was fuelled in mid-air twice on the flight from California.

Algeria reported ready to station forces in Syria

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Algeria has decided to station air and land forces in Syria, the Lebanese weekly magazine "A-Sayad" reported yesterday. It said an Algerian military delegation visited Syria and Lebanon last month to explore the prospects of carrying out a Syrian suggestion, adopted by Algeria, for the establishment of a unified military command for the area extending from Tyre, in South Lebanon, to Akaba. This would form an eastern front to include Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and the Palestinian terrorist movement which would be united with the western front (Egypt). The report could not be confirmed officially, but observers here recalled that Lebanon has consistently refused to join any military union with another Arab state. The magazine said in a report from several Arab capitals that the proposed unified command had been discussed at meetings between a number of Arab leaders. It quoted an unidentified Syrian official as saying his country was prepared to establish a military union with Jordan. The magazine also reported that President Sadat told recent visitors to Cairo that the Soviet Union has removed a lone Mig 25 warplane from Egypt after completing a successful reconnaissance mission over Israel. The Soviet Union sent the Mig-25 together with Mig-23's to Egypt soon after Sadat's state visit to France late last year, the magazine said. While the Mig-23's remained in Egypt, Sadat told his visitors, the Mig-25 was withdrawn after its reconnaissance mission which involved taking photographs of Tel Aviv, which were said to be very accurate. "So much so that the photographs of people in Tel Aviv were so clear that if you knew them you could say that this is Haim and this is Yitzhak," the magazine quoted Sadat as telling his visitors.

Iraq threatens Syria over Euphrates water

BEIRUT (UPI). — Iraq told Syria yesterday it would take "all measures" necessary to ensure free flow of the Euphrates River, which Syria has dammed upstream to run hydroelectric plants. The Soviet-financed dam has been a subject of dispute between the two neighbouring countries since construction began in 1966, with Iraqi farmers complaining they were not getting their fair share of the Euphrates' water. The dispute reached a peak last year when the dam was completed and the amount of water reaching Iraq was reduced still further. Several attempts at negotiating the dispute failed and Iraq charging that Syria was ignoring the problem, last week requested an emergency meeting of the Arab League to mediate the dispute. The meeting is expected to take place in 10 days. Yesterday's statement, released by the official Iraq News Agency, said Iraq would "hold Syria responsible for the serious results which harassing the waters have on Iraqi farmers."

Attack bid to bring PLO in Europe talks

LUXEMBOURG (AP). — Attempts to bring the PLO into the Euro-Arab dialogue between the Common Market and the Arab world were attacked by European Parliament legislators yesterday. West German Christian Democrat Walter Blumenfeld accused Arab countries of deliberately trying to turn the dialogue "into a political platform on which to discuss the Middle East conflict and to win the EEC over to their own side."

Jewish grave-stones vandalized in Germany

HANAU, Germany (UPI). — Vandalism smashed 62 head-stones at a Jewish cemetery here yesterday.

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Weather synopsis: A Red Sea trough is causing a weak northeasterly flow of air.

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Max	Min	Max
Jerusalem 16	14-25	13-23
Golan 25	13-27	12-23
Nahariya 25	14-24	12-22
Safed 31	14-25	12-22
Haifa 25	14-25	12-22
Tiberias 25	15-22	14-22
Nazareth 25	15-22	14-22
Atula 25	15-22	14-22
Shomron 19	15-22	14-22
Tel Aviv 20	15-22	14-22
B-G Airport 21	15-22	14-22
Jericho 20	15-22	14-22
Gaza 27	15-22	14-22
Beerseba 15	15-22	14-22
Silat 22	15-22	14-22
Tiran 22	15-22	14-22

Social and Personal

Two Dutch newspaper editors from Apeldoorn, K. Bokma and J. Eeles, yesterday presented Defence Minister Shimon Peres with a IL500,000 gift for Beit Haholem, donated by their readers.

The Minister of Education and Culture, Mr. Aharon Yadin, yesterday gave a reception in his office in Jerusalem for Professor Haim Ben-Shahar, newly appointed President of Tel Aviv University.

The Druse poetess, Kabbal Hiyam Ismail, of Ustfeh, yesterday called on Haifa Mayor Yosef Almog and presented him with her first published book of collected poems.

Mr. Louis L. Lockabin, president of the Canadian Technion Society, yesterday visited Technion City and called on President Amos Horev, in connection with the Lou Harris Canadian student dormitories project.

A group of 35 Venezuelan industrialists, currently visiting Israel as guests of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Institute for Planning and Development, yesterday visited Technion City.

Some 300 Hadassah members who recently immigrated and members of Yeha's (women's auxiliary) yesterday attended a reception by Hadassah Hospital Director-General Prof. Kalman Mann.

An exhibition of the works of Yehozkel Streichman, a pioneer of abstract art in Israel, was opened yesterday evening by the Minister of Education and Culture, Aharon Yadin, at the Tel Aviv Museum.

DEPARTURES

Aharon Yarin MK, former Minister of Information, for the U.S., on a speaking mission for the UJA.

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GRANDCHILDREN: GIUDITTA, MICHELA AND FABRIZIO

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JOHANA BONN

Passed away after a short illness.

The funeral will leave Rambam Hospital in Haifa today April 10, at 1 p.m.

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We mourn the passing of our dear mother,

Mrs. ROSE S. ROSENFELD

in Miami, U.S.A.

Shiva will take place at 29 Rehov Harav Frank, Bayit Vegan, Jerusalem.

TERRY (Mrs. MILTON POLLACK)

Kremlin split on aliya, says Agursky on arrival

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — The progressive choking-off of immigration from the Soviet Union expresses a compromise between two opposed groups in the Soviet leadership — those who want to get rid of as many Jews as possible, and those who don't want them to go to Israel. This was the opinion of aliyah activist Mikhail Agursky on his arrival here yesterday from Vienna with his two children and a number of other Soviet Jews.

Agursky, a 42-year-old computer expert whose father was a close associate of Lenin, waged a long battle to get his exit visa. But once he had it, he told reporters in fluent English, "they rushed me out, and were only afraid I'd miss the plane." The Soviets, he said, do not like aliyah activists.

Revealing that he had been one of those who brought foreign correspondents and activists together in Moscow, Agursky said he feared greatly for the activists left behind. The Soviets were eager to choke off agitation for aliya, and to achieve this might send some of the activists to prison.

Agursky said he would seek work in his field here in Israel, but hoped he would be allowed enough time for humanitarian work. (Him.) (Appeal to Dutch—page 3, col. 3)

Ineffectual bombs Woman held as Fatah agent

A small explosive charge and evidence of a second bomb which had already exploded were discovered yesterday morning outside the Torino garage, near the Jerusalem Vehicle Licensing Bureau in Talpiot. No one was hurt, and there was no damage.

A day earlier two small bombs went off at the Nablus labour exchange and the Bank Leumi branch in Hebron. Neither caused any damage. (Him.)

Ma'alot victims remembered

SAFAD. — Five families whose children were murdered by Arab terrorists in a Ma'alot school last May 15 have donated a Tora scroll to their synagogue here in memory of the young victims. The money was raised by the bereaved parents and the National Insurance Institute.

The five victims were Yona Sabagh, Malka Amrussi, Yocheved Darsa, Rina Cohen and Zivia Mor-Yosef.

The chairman of the bereaved parents' committee, Meir Amrussi, said the 17 other bereaved families would also contribute money to commission scrolls for their synagogues. A handwritten scroll costs IL23,000.

Counter-terror raids 'don't influence Arab govt's'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's counter-terrorist operations in neighbouring countries have never swayed their governments to stop the terrorists from attacking Israel from their territory, according to Aluf (Res.) Mattityahu Peled, Tel Aviv University Arabist and former IDF Quartermaster-General.

Peled told the Hebrew University's conference on strategic issues, which ended in Jerusalem yesterday, that this had been one of the aims of Israel's so-called retaliatory raids. But when Jordan cracked down on the terrorists in Jordan in 1970 it had been for its own internal reasons and it had not been influenced by Israel's actions. The same was true of Egypt, when it put a stop to terrorist operations in 1957.

If Lebanon eventually decides to accept responsibility for the terrorists who attack Israel from its territory and stop them from doing so, it will not be a result of Israel's retaliatory operations, Peled said.

He was taking part in the general discussion after the presentation of a paper by Dr. Dan Horowitz of the Hebrew University on Israel's experience on the control of limited military operations.

Dr. Horowitz said that the retaliation system had allowed Israel to bear up under the pressure of provocative hostile actions without being forced into full-scale war. But the existence of the system increased the inclination to employ it even when alternatives are available, and could become counterproductive as they could produce unanticipated escalation.



Two soldiers run an obstacle course during yesterday's army sports competitions, which took place at the IDF's physical training school. Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur addressed the participants and awarded the trophies. Haim Eisner of the army engineering school broke a 14-year-old record when he threw a hand grenade (dummy) 77.88 metres (the previous record was 74.30 metres). Nahal won the overall competition by scoring 348 points in the day's events. Training Command came in second with 340 points. (PCA)

Protest action continues at Government hospitals

By MACABEE DEAN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The emergency admissions wards of Government hospitals in central parts of the country remained closed to patients yesterday with the exception of dire emergencies.

Government hospital doctors started a partial strike on Wednesday refusing to admit all patients, to press their case for increasing medical staff so the physician on duty in the emergency ward would not also have to care for patients already hospitalised.

The director-general of the Health Ministry, Dr. Ya'acov Mancel, met yesterday with the chairman of the Organization of Government Physicians, Dr. Gideon Manelis, to discuss the protest move. Dr. Mancel said the problem to be solved was finding doctors to expand hospital staffs and getting approval for the move from the Civil Service Commission. Some 100 doctors would be needed to ensure that emergency ward physicians do not have to do double duty. If this number were taken on from the outside, mainly from clinics, it would raise the number of physicians in Government hospitals from 1,200 to 1,300.

Dr. Mancel and Manelis are to meet again today.

Attempt to end Technion labour dispute fails

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — An attempt by the Haifa Labour Council to settle a dispute between the Technion and its 1,600-man administrative staff failed yesterday, with council secretary Eliezer Molk rejecting an offer by Technion President Amos Horev.

The staff members are demanding free tuition for their children at any university in the country. The Labour Council had decided on Tuesday to declare a dispute, but put off official notices until the meeting between Molk and Horev. At this meeting the Technion head repeated his offer of a scholarship fund to help staff children finance their university studies.

If no settlement is reached in a fortnight — and Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz is known to be pressing for one — the Technion staff will strike.

Meanwhile, the Technion's more than 500 technicians and engineers were to stop work at 10 this morning to attend a general meeting, called by their work representatives, who recently broke away from the general staff union. They are demanding a separate labour contract to cover their specific professional problems, and they want free university tuition for their children. They also have demands for "eliminating discrimination" — now officially backed by the Labour Council — in the case of the Technion administrative staff. This new battle seems to be gaining ground for staff committees unable to put forward demands for hard-past, because of the official wage freeze.

The Technion spokesman declined to comment on either of the two disputes yesterday.

Firemen suspend BLUE BAND LOCKOUT THREATENED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The country's firemen yesterday decided to end their week-old partial strike pending investigation of their demands.

Their decision followed negotiations yesterday with the Histadrut and the Ministry of Interior. The government representatives agreed to set up a committee to look into the firemen's demands for more pay and additional manpower. The firemen, who had earlier threatened to intensify their action today, agreed to return to normal work on condition the committee submit its findings within two weeks.

The employees walked off their jobs at noon Tuesday when the management suspended a worker — who is also the works committee chairman — after he had slapped a foreman in the face in a dispute concerning his time-card.

General Manager Ernst Teitels said yesterday it would be pointless to keep the administrative staff working as long as production stands still. A full closure would mean no distribution of margarine, of which the company has a small stock, and other food products.

The workers continued their strike yesterday after the Haifa Labour Council refused to support their demand for strike pay. The works committee had made strike pay a condition for resuming work while the dispute is being settled.

ISRAELI WEEKLY LOTTERY

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Naval officer course comm

HAIFA. — Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur said that not only Israel's enemies and the big awareness of the strength of the Defence Forces, which face any test.

Speaking at a passing of a group of new Navy naval base, R/A Gur importance of quality — and technical — in Israel's marines and officers. He Navy's role from the illegal immigration, which runners brought the surge Holocaust to those of Navy Aluf Binyamin addressed the graduation course, which is the IDF — 30 months.

Probe in embezzler at State I

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Police are probing the alleged embezzlement of IL250,000 by a secretary of the State Comptroller.

According to State Comptroller's office, the embezzler forged the name of the party leader, Yehoshua Rabinowitz, to obtain the cheque. The secret reportedly returned most of the money as the embezzler's car. As soon as the embezzler discovered last February, leaders informed the State Comptroller.

Electric C sued for under-char

TEL AVIV. — A Ramat Hashikma, sued for undercharging for electricity, yesterday filed a suit against the company for IL500,000.

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No jail for thief 'punished by Heaven'

TEL AVIV. — A Netanya man, who stole a Tora scroll and then went totally blind, was given a suspended sentence in the District Court here yesterday, after his attorney pleaded that he had been punished enough by Heaven.

But Judge Yosef Harish said Eliahu Avraham, 60, had a criminal record that was "black as black," and expressed fear he might still find a way to break the law.

Avraham was caught in Tel Aviv's Carmel Market trying to sell a Tora scroll he had August from a synagogue Sderot Yerushalayim, valued at IL15,000. He admitted the charges, religious objects from other synagogues.

In handing down a suspended sentence, Judge Harish said that bringing the scroll in a dirty sock, in which kept since Avraham's ordered them to return to the synagogue it was taken.

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Next Monday, April 14, 1975 (3 Iyyar) the eve of the Day of Remembrance for Israel's Fallen, we shall meet at 2 p.m. at Kever Hu'ahim of our dear ones:

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Gov't blasted for planning how that nobody wants to live in

By YA'ACOV ARDON, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The comment "an apartment can kill better than an axe" was typical of the anger and despair which participants at a Technion seminar on social aspects of planning, voiced yesterday at the arbitrary way Israel's bureaucrats house the country's citizens.

The remark — originally applied to turn-of-the-century German slums — was cited by Technion architecture student Moshe Hazani, in accepting the Architecture Faculty's annual Munio Gittai-Weisraub Prize for a study on the development of town of Or Yehuda.

Thinking the panel of judges for the IL2,500 prize, Hazani dwelt on the web of bureaucratic procedures which far-away planners use in planning for a population whose needs they completely disregard.

"Nobody tries to bridge the growing gap between planning-concepts and living reality," he said. The bureaucrats, he charged, think in abstract terms of "solutions" for people about whom they do not in the least care. Or Yehuda, he thought, was only one example of the dogmatism that is applied to development towns.

An IL1,500 award of merit went to the student team Gershon von Schwarze, Alex Shohat and Shimon Cooper for a study on Ofakim which came to similar conclusions. "Our survey has pointed out the academic isolation of the planners from the objects of their planning, and the gap between what a lot of experts living in North Tel Aviv think is right for people in towns from Kiryat Shmona to Ophra... yet we have made no dent in that attitude," von Schwarze said.

What was planned had no relation to the living needs of the population and their future, he said. He added: "We have lost hope that a housing quarter in Ofakim based on the needs as we found them. It would not have to be our plan — it's our approach and basis for planning that matters."

Another participant, Citizens Rights MK Shulamit Aloni, said the ever-growing paternalism or "Big Brother" approach in Israel had caused private initiative to wither and encouraged an attitude of making demands on the State. The country's well-meaning founders and leaders had shaped planning in the image of their own experience, she said. Thus, they had planned for small families, ignoring the need for larger ones. Because the very term Technion for 20 years.

"landlord" was repulsive they wanted a new and which everyone owned home, thereby obstructing. Most of the land is of State, she noted, but keeping land prices in Lands Authority partially general speculation. "I ment housing compagne given free land and capil sold the homes they bu the market would be couples had been turned they asked for land at build their own homes ments near their own." The Government, she said, sums through its own in pannels. All this she said motivated by millions regard for what people n and wanted.

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Ireland's first envoy accredited

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first Irish Ambassador to Israel, William Warnock, presented his credentials to President Ephraim Katsir at Beit Hanassi yesterday morning.

The two countries decided last year to exchange diplomatic representatives, and the Irish Ambassador in London, Gideon Rafael, presented his credentials to the Irish president in Dublin last month.

At this stage the representation is at the level of non-resident ambassadors. Mr. Warnock represents his country in Switzerland, but will visit Israel at least three or four times a year.

Warnock met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at noon yesterday for a 20-minute talk. The two men had met before, when they both served in Washington as ambassadors of their countries.

The Irish decision to establish full diplomatic relations with Jerusalem is part of a new Irish drive worldwide. This has been accentuated by Irish membership of the EEC, but has left the Irish diplomatic service short of personnel.

In addition to relations with Israel, Ireland has recently opened an embassy in Beirut, and is establishing similar double accreditation agreements with Egypt, and a number of other Arab states. Warnock explained that this is a gesture, a step forward in broadening Irish diplomatic activity.

His current 10-day visit is viewed by the Ambassador as a familiarization tour to break the ice. The working visits which will follow will deal, among other matters, with bilateral trade, which has grown over the last few years to some \$10m. a year, and Israel's relations with the Common Market.

Despite Ireland's vote in favour of the UN general assembly permitting an address by PLO chief Yasser Arafat, Warnock does not find that Israel is unhappy with his country's record in the Arab-Israeli diplomatic arena. Ireland, he avows, has always rejected any attempts at the UN, or in any of its bodies, to call in question the integrity of Israel. As an example of this, he notes that Ireland refused to back the Arab resolutions about Jerusalem at UNCTAD.

Here with his wife Dorothy, Warnock will tour Galilee and meet the diplomatic corps in Tel Aviv before returning to his base in Berna.

Druse to light a Mt. Herzl beacon Self-sacrifice is theme of Independence Day fetes

By JUDY SIEGEL, Jerusalem Post Reporter
We will have to make do with leftover fireworks and fewer paid entertainers to light up next week Independence Day celebrations. But there will be more music and street decorations, and the organizers of the festivities hope we'll cheer up and make merry anyway.

Yehuda Han, who has chaired the Independence Day Committee since the State of Israel's 13th birthday, told reporters in Jerusalem yesterday that the theme for this 27th birthday, reflected in the choice of persons who will light torches at the Mount Herzl Inaugural event on Tuesday evening, is "Volunteering and Personal Sacrifice." Those selected range from a 17-year-old high school girl who organized refreshment stands for soldiers, to a Druse Border Patrol officer (the first non-Jew ever chosen for the ceremony) who evacuated wounded soldiers under fire in 1970.

A two-minute siren, signalling the lowering of flags to half-mast and the bowing of heads, will mark the beginning of Remembrance Day for Israel's Fallen at 8 p.m. on Monday. Solemn assemblies and prayer services throughout the country will be held simultaneously with the lighting of a memorial candle at the Western Wall to be attended by the President and the Chief of Staff. A torch will be carried by a series of runners from Yad LeChaim in Rehovot to the Western Wall. Radio and TV programmes will feature Israel's battle for freedom and independence in solemnity with the occasion. Memorial services at military cemeteries, attended by the Prime Minister and other Government and Army officials, will commence on Tuesday morning at 11, following another two-minute siren blast. Flags will be lowered and a memorial torch lit at all schools.

Unlike last year, when Independence Day was separated from Remembrance Day by half a day due to low spirits after the Yom Kippur War, the schedule of events will revert to its previous pattern. Mt. Herzl will symbolize the close of the solemn event and the onset of the celebrations. The 12 torches, kindled by little-known but self-sacrificing volunteers from throughout the country, symbolize the 12 Tribes of Israel.

President Ephraim Katsir will speak to the nation at 8.05 on TV and radio. From 8.30, live broadcasts will come from entertainment events from all parts of Israel. Platforms for dancing and singing are already being set up in nearly every city and town. A *kumzitz* will bring together hundreds of persons at the Vale of Rehavia in Jerusalem at midnight; similar campfires will be held in Haifa, Acre, Kiryat Gat and Tel Aviv.

Fireworks lovers will be disappointed this year; due to the doubling of price of imported fireworks, only a few dozen localities will have displays, all using those left over from last year. The Government Information Centre has, however, obtained enough for displays in Eilat, Ofakim, Shlomi and a few other development towns in need of cheering.

Boning up on the Bible for International Quiz

By YAA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Some 25 boys and girls from Israel and other countries have been selected from over 100,000 candidates throughout the world to take part in the finals of the 12th International Youth Bible Quiz on Independence Day in Jerusalem.

The youngsters are currently poring over their Bibles at the specially set-up "Bible Camp" at the Gdina base in Ju'ara, in the Hills of Menashe.

The camp also serves as a meeting ground for Israeli and Jewish youth from the Diaspora, and as a base for sightseeing tours in the north.

Aliut-Mishne Yeshayahu Tadmor, O.C. Gdina, which is running the quiz, told a press conference at the camp that this year the Bible Quiz will be the central event of the Independence celebrations both for "practical and moral" reasons. He said that since the Yom Kippur



The Independence Day 1975 poster, 35,000 copies of which are now being distributed locally and abroad. The full-colour poster was designed by V. Tornovsky and Son from drawings done by pupils of the Luria elementary school in Jerusalem.

War the Israel public seems to be yearning for a spiritual and moral revival.

"What can be more uplifting than the Bible, and more popular and exciting than a quiz?", he asked. Israel TV will broadcast two hourly excerpts of the quiz from the Jerusalem Theatre, and the Army broadcasting station will run it live.

The boys and girls, aged 13 to 17, will be tested on their knowledge of about half the contents of Bible. Interviewed by reporters yesterday, the foreign entrants conversed easily in Hebrew. Many come from religious families, attend Jewish schools and intend settling in Israel when they complete their education.

One of the three Israeli candidates said that, from what he had seen of the visitors, "they know the Bible very well indeed. It'll be tough, and I'd be happy to take third place," he admitted.

Bathing season opens tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The bathing season officially opens at the city's beaches tomorrow, but the two beaches north of the Yarkon will remain closed to the public because of pollution.

Bathing will be permitted at the Hilton, Sheraton, Gordon and Givat Aliya beaches, but no bathing will be allowed for another year at the Tel Baruch and Country Club beaches. Health Ministry officials say that the sea off the last two beaches is still contaminated by the sewage pumped from the area around the Reading IV power station.

The beaches where bathing is permitted have received a thorough cleaning, and new playgrounds and other facilities provided. The Rehov Gordon beach will have a new first aid station this year, and Jaffa's Givat Aliya beach has new ramps for invalids using wheelchairs.

Tzur to be held until trial ends

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — Michael Tzur, former head of the Israel Corporation, yesterday remained in custody until the end of his trial. District Judge Dov Levin agreed to police request in view of the seriousness of the charges.

Tzur, 52, is charged with fraud, embezzlement, accepting bribes and including fraudulently transacting Kibbutz, Zim and the Kibbutz to Vaduz trust company associated with Tibor Roem.

Assistant District Attorney Shmuel Schreiber told the court that Tzur is released, he might documents or influence witnesses. He conceded that the majority of the charges derive from his own testimony to the police.

Defense counsel Erwin Shimonovitch said that this last fact shows his client is not likely to influence state witnesses to change their testimony.

Judge Levin granted Mr. Shimonovitch's request that he be allowed adequate time with Tzur to prepare a proper defence, and that Tzur be given a medical examination. Tzur was subdued in court and exchanged only a few words with his lawyer. Dressed in an open blue shirt, he looked very pale and depressed, and has lost quite a lot of weight since he was detained seven weeks ago.

Tel Aviv District Attorney Yaa'acov Kedmi said yesterday that the police will continue to investigate all those offences of which Tzur is suspected, beyond those in the present indictment, and including those for which he cannot be tried because of the statute of limitations. These include a suspicion that Tzur took a bribe of IL6,000 to leak news of the 1962 devaluation. At that time he was Director-General of the Ministry of Commerce.

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The unnamed suspect reportedly entered the office where he works in Jaffa's Rehov Yehuda Hayamin at noon yesterday to find the director of the office, Avraham Bar, and a clerk, Nitza Kornfeld, of Bat Yam. The man allegedly emptied a container of an inflammable fluid over his two colleagues, struck a match and ran out.

Mrs. Kornfeld was rushed to Doholo Hospital suffering from third-degree burns over the top half of her body. Bar was burned on his hands and arms.

It is believed the suspect — a 47-year-old father of two from Bat Yam — bore a grudge against Mr. Bar and Mrs. Kornfeld, blaming the woman for the fact that he has not advanced in his job. (Nim)

A DISCOTHEQUE which will serve as a meeting point for veteran citizens and recent immigrants will be open on Saturday nights starting April 26 at the Tiran Hotel in Herzliya. The hotel, which was acquired by the Jewish Agency's Immigration Department a year ago, will also be the site of seminars on society and culture in a variety of languages.

Prof. Morgenthau Haifa University
Jerusalem Post Reporter
A. — Prof. Hans Morgenthau, noted political scientist and professor at the Universities of New York and Chicago, is to teach at University during the third year of the current year. He will give the first lecture of his course on "Introduction to International Relations" next Monday.

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Tel Aviv D.A. Kedmi named C.I.D. chief

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv District Attorney Yaa'acov Kedmi has been appointed head of the Investigations Department at National Police Headquarters, it was announced here yesterday.

He will be taking over from Commander Arye Shor, who is retiring. Mr. Kedmi, who will receive the rank of Commander (Nitav), is the second outsider to join the force with such a high rank. The first was Meira Cohen, head of the Civil Guard.

The appointment is in keeping with the policy of Police Inspector-General Shaul Rosolio to bolster the force with outside professionals. Asked if he did not think the country's number one detective should be an experienced police officer, Mr. Kedmi replied, "To be a good attorney is to be a good detective."

During the War of Independence, Kedmi served in the Armoured Corps. From 1956 to 1969 he served as the Army's Judge Advocate, General and since 1969 as Tel Aviv District Attorney.

Appeal to Dutch Embassy in Moscow to help Jews

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Immigrants from the Soviet Union have appealed to the Dutch Government to instruct its embassy in Moscow to provide protection to Soviet Jews with Israeli citizenship. The Dutch Embassy represents Israel interests in the USSR.

The appeal was issued by the action committee of newcomers from the Soviet Union. The committee also requested that invitations sent from Israel to relatives in the USSR be relayed through the Dutch Embassy, rather than through the Soviet postal system.

Without these invitations the arduous process of applying for an emigration permit cannot even be started. Lately, such invitations have not been reaching their destinations and it is believed that the Soviets are intercepting the mail.

Today, five recent arrivals from the USSR will demonstrate outside the Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem to demand that the government "take the most drastic measures necessary to have the cruel and unjust sentences against Mark Naskhitz and Boris Tsilyonok annulled." The two were sentenced to five years of exile on March 31 for taking part in a demonstration in Moscow.

Tsilyonok and Naskhitz have been Israeli citizens for the past four years. Their friends who will be demonstrating on their behalf today argue that "the future of the aliyah movement in the USSR depends on these two Jews."

The applicants, who have six children, turned their youngest over to the Department of Family Services for placement in a foster home in 1972, when the mother became ill and the family was destitute. The child was three at the time they claim they visited her from time to time until November, 1974, when they were informed that the child had been put up for adoption and they could no longer see her.

Employees of the department also told them they would be subpoenaed to appear in the District Court when their daughter's case came up for adoption.

The department contended that the parents had abandoned their child and they were operating in her best interests. (Nim)

TWO MORE TRAINS will operate on the Tel Aviv-Haifa line, starting tomorrow, Israel Railways reports. Henceforth, the last train on Friday will leave Tel Aviv at 4 p.m., and Haifa at 3.50. Both will be fast trains, stopping only at Netanya, Hadera and Binyamina.

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Rebels cut Cambodia's supply link to Thailand

PHNOM PENH. — Khmer Rouge insurgents cut Cambodia's overland supply route with Thailand on Wednesday and pressed toward Phnom Penh from three directions, military sources said.

Unconfirmed reports said the insurgents around the capital and its airport had begun firing mortar and recoilless rifles — short range weapons that are more accurate than the rockets and artillery they had been using.

Fresh insurgent troops reportedly moved to the east bank of the Mekong River across from Phnom Penh and engaged in round-the-clock fighting with government troops. Military sources also reported insurgent pressure southeast of Phnom Penh and slight penetrations of the capital's northwest defense perimeter.

The insurgents cut Route 5 linking the province capital of Battambang with the Thai border, but military sources said government forces launched a drive to reopen it. The road and a parallel railway line have been used to haul foodstuffs and other supplies from Thailand to Battambang and from there by air to Phnom Penh.

Western observers believe the rebels need only a concerted effort to capture Battambang, Cambodia's second city 288 km. northwest of Phnom Penh. Fighting also was reported throughout nearby Oddor Mean Chey Province, which borders Thailand.

Thailand's military command has sent 2,000 troops to Aran Yaprathet across the border from the one-day Cambodian town of Polpet, now a bulging center for Cambodians preparing to flee to Thailand.

Fighting continued yesterday in the eastern end of Kompong Speu, a province capital 48 km. southwest of Phnom Penh. Western observers were puzzled why the insurgent command was attacking targets in the provinces rather than moving all its forces against Phnom Penh.

In Bangkok, Thai Foreign Minister Charoat Chuanavan said Prime Minister Long Boret conferred on Monday with guerrilla officials in secret talks that might lead to a negotiated settlement.

Cambodian Information Minister Thong Lim Huong issued an official denial of the report. Informed sources in Phnom Penh declined to confirm the reports. But government sources said Long Boret discussed the possibility of opening talks with the insurgents. (AP, UPI)

Portuguese arrest 31 more in coup

LISBON (UPI). — The military security forces arrested 32 soldiers and three civilians in dawn raids yesterday and accused them of being implicated in last month's abortive coup.

As the military made the new arrests, the National Law Association called a news conference to accuse the government of violating basic human rights in the arbitrary arrest of left-wing students opposed to the Communist party. More than 100 students have been seized in the last few days.

The news director of the National Television Network said he has resigned because the Communists have taken complete control of broadcasting.



Rice soup is doled out at a refugee camp near Phnom Penh. Food supplies have been short recently in the area around the besieged capital. (UPI)

Vatican reaffirms church censorship of books

VATICAN CITY (UPI). — The Vatican said yesterday that bishops have a God-given right to ban books "attacking the true faith or good morals." It authorized national hierarchies to draw up lists of censors to advise individual bishops.

In a decree approved by Pope Paul VI, the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, successor to the medieval Inquisition, strongly reaffirmed the need for church approval of any books dealing with religion or morals.

The task has been in the hands of national bishops' conferences since the Vatican discontinued its index of forbidden books in 1966

as inadequate in the face of the avalanche of modern literature.

The decree said any Roman Catholic writing a book about religion or morals must clear it either with his own bishop or with the bishop of the place of publication. If one bishop has denied permission, the other must be informed of that fact.

The decree also ruled that Roman Catholics "cannot write in newspapers or periodicals which manifestly and usually attack the Catholic religion or morals, except for just and reasonable grounds." Priests and monks must seek permission from their bishops to write in such publications.

No royal idleness for Faisal's 8 sons

By NICK LUDINGTON
JEDDAH (AP). — One legacy left to Saudi Arabia by assassinated King Faisal is eight working princes, his sons.

The eldest, Abdullah, about 50, is a businessman-post, and the others, all educated in the West, are scattered throughout the bureaucracy and armed forces.

The careers of Faisal's offspring contrast sharply with those of the sons of King Saud, Faisal's brother who preceded him on the throne. Most of Saud's 50 sons are more busy spending their generous royal allowances in night clubs abroad than working in offices at home. Several are notorious playboys.

Most prominent of King Faisal's sons is Prince Saud, 34, a 1965 Princeton graduate in economics. He spent eight years in the Petroleum Ministry, rising to deputy minister in 1970 under Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, and has now been named Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

A tall carbon-copy of his father, Saud is equally at home with Western diplomats and Bedouin tribesmen, equally comfortable in Bond Street suits and desert robes.

King Faisal's eldest son, Abdul-

lah, runs an asbestos factory, an oil-tanker enterprise, a contracting firm, import concessions and real estate. In addition, he writes what is a Saudi newspaper editor called first-rate poetry.

The next brother, Prince Mohammed, graduated from Menlo College in California. He is chief of Saudi Arabia's huge programme of desalination plants to use seawater for cities and farming.

Prince Khaled studied at both Princeton and Oxford. He is Governor of Saudi Arabia's "green province" of Asir, south of Jeddah in the hills along the Red Sea. Prince Abdul-Rahman graduated from the British military college at Sandhurst in 1963 and is commander of the army tank corps.

Prince Saad attended Princeton and Cambridge and is deputy governor of Petromin, the state-sponsored enterprise to exploit oil and minerals.

Prince Bandar attended Cranwell Royal Air Force College in Britain, after schools in the United States and is a serving Air Force officer.

Prince Turki, the youngest, studied at Princeton, New York and Georgetown Universities. He is an aide to Royal Counsellor Kamal Adham, head of Saudi intelligence.

Nixon made secret promise to Vietnam

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Former President Nixon secretly promised South Vietnam that the U.S. would react vigorously to any major violations by Hanoi of the Vietnam peace agreement, the White House said yesterday.

Disclosing contacts between Mr. Nixon and South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu, White House spokesman Ron Nessen refused to say if the promised reaction included the reintroduction of U.S. combat forces into Indochina after the 1973 pullout.

The disclosures came as President Gerald Ford conferred with his National Security Council on ways that beleaguered South Vietnam might be helped, amid signs that Congress would continue to resist providing more military aid.

Nessen told newsmen that a congressional law of 1973 "of course ruled out the possibility of American military reaction to violations of the agreement."

He did not give the date of Nixon's promises to President Thieu, but they were made before Congress barred U.S. combat activity in Indochina in the summer of 1973.

Mr. Nessen's remarks came the day after Democratic Senator Henry Jackson of Washington said secret commitments existed between the U.S. and South Vietnam.

Nessen was asked if President Ford would want to send troops back or resume bombing — if he

had the authority — in view of Communist advances and what he has called outrageous violations of the peace agreement by Hanoi.

The spokesman referred to a statement made by the President last week that he had no inclination as well as no authority to intervene.

Nessen said the private and public pledges made by the Nixon Administration to Saigon were "to continue to provide adequate support and react vigorously to major violations of the Paris agreement."

For the last two weeks President Ford has been stressing what he called a moral commitment for the U.S. to provide more military aid to Saigon to enable it to resist the Communist offensive.

In addition to meeting the National Security Council, the President called Democratic and Republican leaders to the White House to discuss the Vietnam situation.

Patty Hearst said on way to Algeria

SAN FRANCISCO (AP). — A television news reporter said Tuesday night she had received an "unconfirmed report" that fugitive Patty Hearst, accompanied by radical sports figure Jack Scott and his wife, Micki, will fly into Algeria within a matter of hours.

Marilyn Baker, who won an award for her reporting of the Hearst heiress' kidnapping last year, said officials in Algeria had refused to comment on the report that the trio might seek asylum in that country.

Charles Bates, agent in charge of the FBI office in San Francisco, said he had no knowledge of the report and that it was the first he heard connecting Miss Hearst with Algeria.

Miss Hearst, daughter of "San Francisco Examiner" president and editor Randolph Hearst, has been sought since she was kidnapped from her apartment in Berkeley, California, on February 4, 1974. A few weeks after her abduction she sent word that she had joined her Symbionese Liberation Army kidnappers and adopted the name Tania.

Fingerprints of Miss Hearst and the Scotts reportedly were among those found in a rented farmhouse near South Canaan, Pennsylvania, last month. The New York City fireman who owns the house has said he rented it to a woman named Micki Scott.



Chiang Kai-shek lies in state at the Sun Yat-sen Memorial. (AP)

One million line stre for Chiang's cortege

TAIPEI. — The body of Chiang Kai-shek was driven to lie in state here yesterday through streets decked with thousands of flags at half-staff and lined by over one million students, servicemen and school children.

The funeral cortege was accompanied by the Generalissimo's widow, Madame Chiang, and his son, Premier Chiang Ching-kuo. Chiang died of a heart attack on Saturday, aged 87.

The 70-year-old, 70-year-old Yen Chieh-kuan, wiped away tears as he followed leading mourning government leaders.

The open coffin stood on a catafalque, as elderly colleagues of Generalissimo Chiang in the pre-

1949 era, before the Communist drove them from the mainland, some weeping openly supported by aides.

The body will lie in state from April 18. The bespectacled and scholarly Yen, was sworn in with the Generalissimo's death, both he and Premier Ching have already reaffirmed leader's staunch anti-Communist stand.

Nationalist forces stationed Taiwan-held offshore islands may and Matsuo, within sight of Chinese mainland, have carried out President Chiang at memorial meetings in few days, according to sources.

The Generalissimo's lament, displayed in large characters above his coffin, morale and faith of his people not be shaken by his death of the sacred task of exterminating Communism and recovering mainland is gaining momentum by day.

In Tokyo the newspaper Shimbun said yesterday, Japanese are enraged at the by Japan's ruling party to special envoy to Taipei to its condolences. (Reu)

THERE'S ROYAL BLOOD IN THOSE REPUBLICAN VEINS

LONDON (UPI). — Former U.S. President Richard Nixon has royal blood. He is a direct descendant of King Edward III of England, is related to Queen Elizabeth, to Sir Winston Churchill, and to George Washington.

Washington himself was descended from four kings, and Abraham Lincoln from one. They were mere commoners compared with President James Monroe, who had nine kings on his family tree.

The experts of Burke's Peerage, the 150-year-old reference work on England's nobility, made these claims yesterday in a new book which traces royal blood in the veins of 12 American presidents.

Nixon is 20th in line of descent from Edward III, who died in 1377, the book said. He is hardly unique.

"Similar claims can be made by thousands of others," said Hugh Montgomery-Massingberd, editor of "Burke's Presidential

Families of the United States of America," a 676-page reference book being published next week.

Most of the new book is a serious study of the 37 American presidents and their families. Page after page of tiny type lists every descendant of every President down to the present day — and lists each president's brothers and sisters and all their descendants.

But an appendix of simplified presidential family trees stretching far into the past shows the White House fairly awash in royal forebears.

Thomas Jefferson, William Howard Taft and Ulysses S. Grant all descended from David I of Scotland, who died in 1153.

James Garfield had the earliest royal ancestor traced — King Henry I of France, who died in 1080.

"These are amusing and really quite simple exercises," Montgomery-Massingberd said of such family trees. "They show little

more than the universal cousinship of man."

As an instance, Presidents Lincoln, Washington, Monroe and John Quincy Adams all numbered the same king among their forebears — Edward I of England, who died in 1307.

"But Washington's lineage is the most spectacular of all the presidents," Montgomery-Massingberd said. "It goes back to 1180 at least, and probably even further, to the kings of Scotland. It is a lineage the grandest peer would be proud of."

The new Burke's reference work is not designed for frivolous purchase any more than it is for trivial purposes. Its price is \$39.95 — though a deluxe edition of 450 copies will cost \$190 each.

Montgomery-Massingberd said President Ford — who has no known royal blood anywhere, according to the new book — will get one of the leather-bound deluxe editions as a gift.

Amnesty claims both Israel and Syria guilty of abuses

LONDON (JTA). — An Amnesty International commission of inquiry into allegations of ill-treatment and torture made by Israeli and Syrian prisoners of war captured during the October War has concluded that "both countries were guilty of certain abuses."

The commission's report was published yesterday.

The report said Syria's five-month-long refusal to allow the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to visit captured Israelis was a major breach of an international safeguard that would have lessened the opportunities for torture and bad detention conditions.

The 34-page report, prepared by a three-man, international commission which visited both countries last autumn and interviewed ex-prisoners of war who had leveled torture charges, said that the two countries had failed to observe fully the safeguards contained in the third Geneva convention on PoWs. These violations of the third Geneva convention are extremely serious, in that they created circumstances under which ill-treatment and torture could more easily occur," the report said.

The Amnesty commission was composed of a Norwegian, Asbjorn Eide, director of the International Peace Research Institute in Oslo, Swedish lawyer Peter Nobel of Uppsala, and Dutch physician Kees van Vuuren of Rotterdam. They visited Israel and Syria during a two-week period last October and interviewed 25 former Israeli and 21 former Syrian PoWs, as well as three Syrian civilians who claim to have been kidnapped by withdrawing Israeli forces in the summer of 1974. The report said that because of among other reasons, the length of time that had elapsed between the occurrence of the alleged abuses and the examination of ex-prisoners by the commission, and because of the scarcity

of medical documentation, the commission had not been able to obtain "absolute proof" that the alleged ill-treatment and torture had taken place. Yet the commission found reasonable ground to reach certain conclusions.

At least some of the former PoWs from both sides were subjected to brutality in the form of beating, kicking and threats, especially during transportation.

Most of the former Israeli PoWs in Syria stated that they had suffered systematic torture during interrogation, especially in the form of falaka (beating of the soles of the feet) or electric shocks. The commission found the individual testimonies to be consistent in themselves and among one another. In some cases the findings of the medical examination appear to corroborate complaints by Israeli PoWs of certain kinds of beating.

The commission notes the allegations of torture made by former Syrian PoWs in Israel and finds that the testimonies given by Syrian commandos described the more brutal treatment, which in one case appears to be corroborated by the medical findings. The testimonies given by three Syrian civilians captured by Israeli forces contain allegations of "a very serious nature." One complaint of burning with cigarettes appears to be corroborated by the findings of the medical examination.

Finally, the commission found that the complaints made by the former Israeli PoWs in Syria about certain kinds of deprivation, including lack of food, water and hygienic facilities, and the complaints made by the former Syrian PoWs in Israel about overcrowding and otherwise "unsatisfactory conditions of detention" appear to be mostly corroborated by the reports of the PoWs held in both countries by the delegations of the ICRC.

In his introduction to the report,

as well as in letters to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Syrian President Hafiz Assad, Amnesty Secretary General Martin Enghels stressed "the purpose of this report is not to condemn and seek retribution for what happened in the past, but to create awareness of the need to prevent similar abuses from occurring in the future."

Enghels points out that, although permission and cooperation was requested prior to the October visit, Amnesty had not been given an opportunity to investigate properly, allegations of ill-treatment and torture of civilian prisoners detained in both countries. He expresses the hope that the two governments might enable Amnesty to investigate questions relating to the situation of civilian prisoners in either country in the near future.

The report concludes with a series of recommendations to the two governments that they take steps to secure the full implementation of the third Geneva Convention on PoWs.

The Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent adds:

Although the text of the report had not reached Jerusalem last night, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, making a preliminary comment on the basis of news agency dispatches, said that Amnesty's ostentatious efforts to prove neutrality, had impaired its objectivity.

The official said that Amnesty had "bent over backwards to give an impression of balance and had not evaluated the offenses which it attributed to each of the parties."

Amnesty failed to spell out the fact that Syrian offenses were graver than the ones attributed to Israel. It also failed to underline the fact that the way in which testimony was gathered in Israel, about Syrian offenses, was based on far more sound procedures, than the probe it carried out in Syria, regarding the charges against Israel, the official said.

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SUEZ QUESTIONS

EGYPT IS now clearly intent on exploiting to the full the gains to be made in courting world public opinion by its decision to reopen the Suez Canal. The reopening of the Canal is being presented more or less as an act of Egyptian generosity to user states in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas. Conveniently left unstated is the fact that the prime gainer will be Egypt itself, which stands to receive massive inflows of much needed foreign currency from the Suez traffic, and the Soviet Union, which will finally have its short route to the Indian Ocean for its naval vessels. Also left unsaid is the fact that reopening of the Canal was an explicit Egyptian undertaking in the disengagement agreement reached after the October war.

But the more important question will be whether the reopening of the Canal will be taken by Egypt itself as a step in the process of peaceful progress that could be reached in the area. It is for this reason that Egypt's decision to open the waterway to shipping must be contrasted to President Sadat's declaration that he intends to renew the mandate of the UN forces in the Sinai for only three months, despite the fact that in the original disengagement agree-

ment it was plain that the mandate should be renewed for a six-month period.

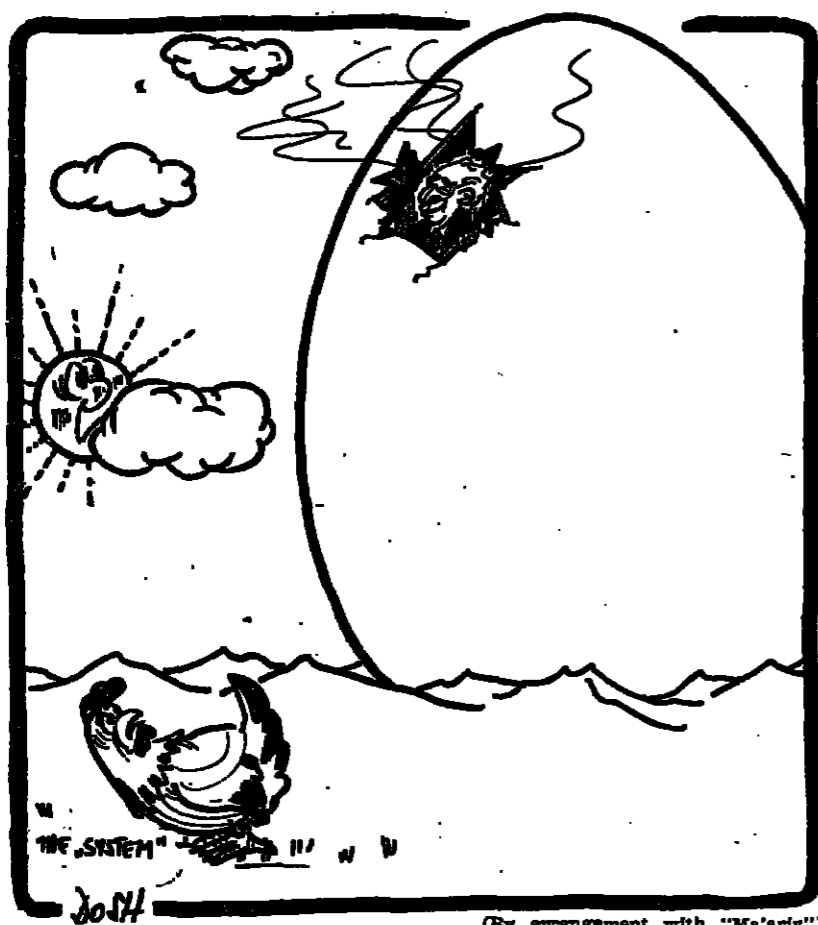
Mr. Sadat can of course be confident that his unilateral decision will have the support of the Soviet Union and most other members of the Security Council. And even the United States might be tempted to consider that in the present circumstances this is not an issue that should be the subject of a major dispute at the UN.

Yet it reflects Egypt's continuing desire to use the threat of war to gain its goals, even with an open Canal in the offing.

Moreover it reveals the weaknesses inherent in the present arrangements governing the UN forces. At present any of the contributing countries can recall their contingents unilaterally without Security Council approval. Moreover the presence of the forces can be easily erased by what amounts to unilateral cancellation of their mandate.

Any new agreement with Egypt that would include the continued stationing of a UN force in Sinai must therefore revise the basis on which such a force will operate. It must assure the durability of such a force, insulating it from unilateral actions that would nullify the very reasons for its presence in the area.

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'Israel on the defensive'

DAVAR (Hizdardut) notes that the intensified information campaign being waged by Israel at present, particularly in the U.S., has been for the most part defensive, creating the impression that for the time being political contacts in the region have entered a stage of suspension which might well lead to deadlock, with each side waiting for the other to take the initiative. The U.S. is unlikely to renew its initiative if there are no indications of change on both sides that would make such efforts successful.

"The Government has apparently decided not to close the option of a further partial agreement with Egypt. If this is the case, and if the Cabinet does not believe we should wait passively for the solution of Geneva, then there should be a new concrete Israeli initiative for a partial agreement and an active policy. Naturally, Israel cannot change her basic approach to the subject, but this approach can be expressed in different and in flexible forms.

"President Sadat has created an image of generosity and moderation for himself. Israel should now

present counter proposals equally flexible and moderate, to test how serious are his intentions." HAAARETZ (his intentions) says that new feelers are being put out to seek a way to find an interim settlement with Egypt, without waiting for the Geneva conference.

"If Washington and Cairo believe that Jerusalem will now be prepared to accept the Egyptian demands that caused the breakdown of the recent talks, they are mistaken. Even reluctance to go to Geneva — where Israel will undoubtedly be in the minority — will persuade the Israeli Government to accept terms tomorrow which it found unacceptable yesterday, because of the risks involved.

"If Cairo were to respond to the Israeli proposals or put forward new offers that Israel could consider as the basis for a new response, the situation might change. If Washington is still interested in an interim agreement, it must ascertain whether Cairo is prepared for such a new approach — otherwise any new attempts are doomed to fail."

Will Portugal sing to the Soviet tune?

By WILLIAM FORRESTER

LONDON. — IN THE EUROVISION song contest staged in Stockholm last month the Portuguese entry was a number called *Madrugada* (Dawn). The dawn in question was the one that came to Portugal last April 25 after the long night of Fascist dictatorship.

The song was composed and sung by a young member of the Armed Forces Movement which overthrew the dictatorship, but though he put all his revolutionary fervor into the performance and had the melodious backing of four stunning beauties the *Madrugada* didn't stand a chance. It was presented in the original Portuguese, and of the 500 million people in 34 countries who heard it only a tiny fraction knew what it was all about.

The same thing happened when the song was sung in English. It was a survey of the current Portuguese scene. We know that for almost half a century, from 1926 to 1974, the Portuguese Communist Party was banned; that being banned, it took no overt part in the April revolution; and that the opinion polls today give it at the very most 15 per cent of popular support.

And yet all over the globe today the question is being asked: Is Portugal going Communist? And Senator James Buckley is speaking for many anxious Americans when he says that "the Communist offensive in Portugal confronts the United States and the NATO allies with the greatest crisis since the end of the Second World War."

Can a minority group in one of the smallest countries in Europe really be as dangerous as that?

If numbers were the only thing that mattered then clearly there would be nothing to fear. But they are not. In 1917 the Bolsheviks were only a tiny minority of the Russian people, but they did some things their rivals looked upon as treason, discipline, determination and brilliant leadership.

The Communists of Portugal are equally endowed. Their party was only five years old when the Salazar era began, but it was the only party that kept up the struggle against the dictatorship from start to finish.

In 1959 the head of the political police announced that the back of the illegal CP had been broken, its leaders arrested and its clandestine printing presses destroyed. Some of the secret presses were indeed uncovered, with torture and death for the printers, but from 1941 onwards

the CP's monthly journal "Avante" (Forward) was always printed inside Portugal and never once failed to come out.

It is also true that in 1969 many of the party's leaders were in prison, among them Alvarez Cunhal, the secretary-general. He had then been in solitary confinement for six years and he suffered two more years of it before escaping abroad, first to Moscow, then to Prague.

Cunhal is well-known, even by rabid anti-Communists, to be the shrewdest politician in Portugal today. Since the April revolution he has outplayed his chief rival, the Socialist leader Mario Soares, at every turn.

The first legal issue of "Avante" after the revolution had a picture of Cunhal standing with one arm round a soldier and the other round a worker. It was a symbol of the Communist Party's commitment to the Armed Forces Movement. The young officers of the AFM who had taken over the government of Portugal were duly impressed and responded with gratitude.

Their gratitude increased when they saw the Communists using their industry with the industrial workers to restrain wage demands and opposing the calls for instant revolution that came from the Marxists and Trotskyists on the extreme Left. Small wonder that the President of the Republic, General Costa Gomes, declares the "dynamic activity of the Communist Party" to be "indispensable" for Portugal.

Cunhal now voices the total support for the "constitutionalization" of the AFM. He wants it to remain in being even after the forthcoming elections. The Socialists on the other hand make no secret of their desire to see the earliest possible end to military rule.

Thanks to their unwavering support for the AFM, the Communists won the approval for the establishment of a single trade union confederation — under effective Communist control. The Socialists, glimpsing the spectre of a one-party State, strenuously opposed the move, but all in vain. The Communists had won a vital round in their fight for power.

And now, following the failure of the anti-Leftist military coup, which has strengthened the base of the pro-Communist officers in the AFM, the Socialists are openly voicing their fears of a drift towards Red dictatorship.

"Socialismo, si Dictadura, nao!" they shouted at a mass rally in Lisbon on March 21; and Soares,



With Lenin peering over his shoulder, Portuguese Communist Party boss Alvarez Cunhal addresses a meeting.

addressing the rally, said: "We want a Portuguese Socialism, not the Russian or Chinese brand. For Portugal's frontiers are not with Russia, they are with Spain and across the Atlantic with America."

Cunhal dismisses any thoughts of dictatorship. "We Communists," he says, "want democracy but not the West European type of democracy which leaves the capitalist monopolies and the big badness untouched. In that we differ fundamentally from the Socialists."

The difference is fundamental indeed. Will Portugal go the way of Cuba, and throw to her lot with Russia, or remain wedded to the West? That's what the world is really asking now, and no wonder it hangs so anxiously on the answer.

READERS' LETTERS

Tragedy on the road

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Several days ago, an article in *The Jerusalem Post* stated that the death rate from car accidents had dropped somewhat this past February from what it was in February 1974. Having just undergone the trauma, unbelievable tragedy and utter agony of losing my loved, gentle, scholarly and unusual youngest son in such an accident, I must take issue with your feeling of pride in this accomplishment.

Our son was killed instantly — along with two other kibbutz candidates — while returning from a concert, riding in the back of a tender on March 3. One young mother also riding in the back is still lying unconscious in the hospital.

My first contention is that a tender is completely unsafe for humans. Second, the two-lane, two-way unlighted highway and dangerous crossroad leading to the kibbutz was the place where a large unlighted moving truck all of a sudden came on the scene, giving the driver no chance but to swerve away, thus putting the brunt of the collision on the back of the tender.

Israelis want young, idealistic, intelligent people to come here. Our son was brought up in an Orthodox,

Zionist, close-knit family. We were proud when both he and his sister decided to make Israel their home. Our son was a merit scholar and valedictorian; he was offered a Wilson Fellowship to every type of graduate school. And, of course, he could have entered the family business and led a normal life, but he preferred to serve Israel with his beloved wife, in the kibbutz manner, and he had many plans for improving religious education in all the surrounding kibbutzim. Instead, he leaves a young widow and a five-month-old child.

I had occasion last night to travel the road to the kibbutz. I witnessed several large trucks with no back lights. I saw a large tender making an illegal U-turn on this same two-lane highway. I saw a crazy driver weave in and out at over 80 miles per hour. What I did not see was one police car or motorcycle cop.

Do you think I will encourage my friends and relatives to send their children to Israel? It is too late for my fine and gentle son. Perhaps I can spare other parents, widows, brothers and sisters the agony we are experiencing.

EUTH RUTMAN
Givat Shmuel (Cleveland, Ohio),
March 30.

HIGH SEASON RATES, LOW SEASON SERVICE

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — What can you say to a tourist who has just paid top high season rates at a four-star hotel which advertises a swimming pool (it had no water: "We didn't expect the heatwave"), tennis courts ("They're being re-surfaced, and will be ready in a few weeks"), nightclub ("It's not open yet"), etc. The only thing that was ready, the tourist told us, was the high season rates.

With Pesach and a sharrow both early this year, it seems to have been a widespread condition in our hotels and resort areas: empty swimming pools, closed beaches, unprepared facilities, etc.

It is much easier to blame the drop in tourism on international politics than to look at our own failings in the field.

S. B. BENJAMIN
Kfar Shmaryahu, April 6.

DRY BONES COMFORT

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I wonder how many readers like myself glance at the usual line-up of grim headlines and head straight for Dry Bones for comfort and inspiration.

Dry Bones' solution to the Palestinian Question (April 4) hits the nail on the head more than a dozen indignant letters, after-dinner speeches, informed articles and prepared statements.

It's time we exported the humour of Dry Bones. I'm sure that Jews in the Diaspora at least would be heartened to see him in their regular press. And his brilliant cartoons would do more to counter Arab propaganda than untold numbers of official travelling abroad.

LORELAINE SILVER
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A WAY TO PEACE THROUGH ALIYA

By Maurice Carr

THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT should follow the example of Dr. Kissinger after the failure of his step-by-step peace mission, and re-appraise the situation in depth. While always having to adjust to circumstances, we must pursue a long-term course. It is up to us to decide where we go from here, not tomorrow and next month, but in the years ahead.

I submit that of late we have been heading the wrong way. The notion that we could make a separate peace with Egypt was mistaken and dangerous. We can be thankful to the Syrians and the late King Faisal for the pressure they brought to bear on Sadat. Without their interference, the canny Egyptian President would have taken away from us the key positions of Sinai against necessary notes of non-belligerency that he had no intention of honouring.

Now that we have had this providential escape, we should make it perfectly clear that we cannot henceforth contemplate a Sinai retreat for anything short of a full-scale peace settlement. It so happens that no human problem is involved, the desert being uninhabited. It is also a fact that Egypt has no valid historic or moral title to this wilderness, which in her hands served only as a base for wars of aggression on Israel.

Further, there can be no question of our giving back the Golan Heights to the Syrians, who are openly committed to our destruction and who used the highlands strictly as a military platform for pouring fire down on the Jewish lowlands.

Is this to suggest that we go to Geneva, as go we must, in an "all or nothing" frame of mind: either total peace or complete deadlock? So far, through the intermediary efforts of Dr. Kissinger, we have been politicking with Cairo and neglecting the human aspect of the problem on our hands, namely, the million Arabs in the West Bank and the Golan Strip currently governed by the Israeli Defence Forces. Admittedly, this state of affairs was brought on by King Hussein's unprovoked attack on us in the Six Day War. Indisputably, these Arabs are materially far better off today than ever they were under their past rulers who sat in Amman, in Whitehall, in Rome, never locally. Even so, it is not for us to deny them the right to self-determination.

Of course, there are complications. Our Palestinians are not only a deprived minority, they are also part of the Arab majority and identify themselves with the "one Arab nation" spread out from the Atlantic to the Persian Gulf. Moreover, they are supposedly represented by Yasser Arafat's P.L.O., which, with the compliments of the United Nations, is demonstratively bent on our extermination. The submissiveness of the P.L.O., the latest at the Savoy Hotel in the heart of Tel Aviv, are unequivocal warnings of genocidal intent.

How do we reconcile our obligations to the Palestinians with our primary duty to preserve ourselves from another holocaust? The overt indifference or covert satisfaction with which the Roosevelt, the Stalins and the Popes watched the

slaughter of six million. Names, as a reminder to place our reliance in humanitarianism. Never believe we shall be well put to the world in all and all-around our side-estimation case, and try to reach a morally well-furled agreement with the end Gush Strip population. A solution will not until there is all-round nation of Israel's inalienable east and Jewish.

We had better not delude that this recognition will come soon, that through professions and common-sense gimmickry and smart-A can devise a short cut. The thing cannot be done. The Arabs are convinced by on their side. Sadat, set and shrewd Arab, believes that, given time, perish through a of three factors: U.S. Israeli war-weariness, an ally. Not for nothing foreign nations. Future peace paces if Israel migration for 50 years, the ing itself demographics.

For survival's sake, take up the challenge. To come to call up the res mobile World Jewry in the Diaspora — and people with an ultimate fate — are willing and their bit. But the meaning of the movement, and as Jews in Israel being with Jews on an individual the poor assistance of Agency and the Ministry grant Absorption, cannot more than a trickle that set by emigration. What in the United States as a pilot project — is a organization that will groups, entire communities complete with their structure, their skills and for building in the factories, their offices. Such an operation — it called ALIYA FOR PE not beyond the capacity can Jewry, stimulated tive Israeli leadership.

This cannot be improv have to be serious pl let's appoint another Committee — with Dias on it — to make preliminary. But let there and fast.

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The continuation of this policy is to find new dominoes to support in the Mideast. The next candidate is Yasser Arafat, who has shot his way into the U.N., but he has never shown that he represents the real interests of any large group of people who would choose him in a genuinely free election.

It is time to ask whether the American national interest would not better be served by giving the Israelis all the support they need, which is tiny compared with everything gone down the drain elsewhere, and to stop supporting and propping up the Arab dominoes who will fall in the next crisis.

HARRY J. LIPKIN

Rehovot, April 2.